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Gujarati, Kashmiri, Marathi and Punjabi.

Non-Coverage of Symbolic Ashwamegh Yagna by AIR, Nagpur

136. SHRI V. RAJESHWAR RAO: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have noted that the All India Radio, Nagpur has purposely ignored and failed to cover and broadcast a programme where 7.5 lakhs of people took oath not to take or give dowry, not to see obscene pictures of women and to hold women in highest esteem at the Symbolic Ashwamegh Yagna held in Nagpur between 5fh and 9th January, 1994;

(b) what was the reason for the AIR, Nagpur not to cover this while the entire print media in Nagpur, Maharashtra and the country was giving wide publicity to the said reformist items;

(c) whether Government conduct an enquiry into this act of omission; and

(d) what action is contemplated against those who are responsible for this lapse including the Station Director?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO): (a) and (b) The Yagya was covered by All India Radio, Nagpur in its evening news bulletin on 4th January, 1994 and its district news letter on 13th January, 1994.

(c) to (d) Do not arise.

Non-Covcrage of Mass Marriages by Doordarshan Kendra Nagpur

137. SHRI V. RAJESHWAR RAO: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Doordarshan Nagpur has failed to cover the 63 Mass Marriages performed without dowry at the symbolic Ashwamegh Yagna held in Nagpur between 5th and 9th January, 1994;

(b) whether such omission to cover the said mass marriages which had' 22 intercasts couples was purposeful;

(c) whether Government propose to institute a high level enquiry into the conduct of the concerned senior official, Station Director of Doordarshan, Nagpur for this act of omission; and

(d) what action is contemplated against the errant officials?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (;i) Does not arise.

Hydel Power Potential of the Himalayas

138. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Himalayas are a huge source of unexploited hydel power;

(b) if so, the Government's estimate of this source;

(c) how much of this source has been exploited so far and the reasons for non-exploitation, if any. thereof; and

(d) the future plans in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER* (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) to (d) Yes. Sir. Based on the reassessment studies of hydro power potential of river basins in the country carried out by Central Electricity Authority during the period 1978—87. the hydro-electric potential of the Indus. Ganga and Brahmaputra has been assessed at 59160 MW (at 60% LF). Of the above hydro potential, a total of 8.07% has already been developed and another 4.67% is presently under development. Schemes with installed capacity of 2417 MW equivalent of 4.09% of the assessed potential have been